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October 17, 2005

Mr. Gordon Ziegler  
Ziegler Chemical and Mineral Company  
366 North Broadway, Suite 210  
Jericho, New York 11753-2000

Subject: Open Gilsonite Vein at Neal State Mine and Lack of Perennial Vegetation at  
Hardaway Mine, Ziegler Chemical and Mineral, Neal State and Hardaway Mines,  
S/047/063 and S/047/072, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Ziegler:

On September 1, 2005, Division inspector Paul Baker visited the Tom Taylor, Neal State, and Hardaway Mines. Copies of the inspection reports and associated photos and maps are enclosed with this letter.

At the Neal State Mine, there is an exposed Gilsonite vein that needs to be secured. It creates a hazard to the public and to wildlife, and the vein should be backfilled or fenced. We ask that you complete this work by December 1, 2005, and notify the Division when it is finished.

On August 24, 2005, the Division received a request to inspect the Hardaway Mine and to close the file in lieu of paying permit fees. We subsequently received the permit fees but inspected the site as per your request. Most vegetation on this site consists of annual weeds, cheatgrass and Russian thistle, with a small amount of cover from the native perennial western wheatgrass. The site does not meet the revegetation standards for release. The enclosed inspection report contains recommendations for revegetating the Hardaway Mine site. The annual permit fee remains due and is payable by November 17, 2005 (billing statement enclosed).

If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact Paul Baker at 801-538-5261.

Sincerely

Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure: Inspection reports for Tom Taylor, Hardaway, and Neal State Mines with photos and maps  
Billing statement for Hardaway

cc: Will Stokes, SITLA  
Stan Wagner, Ziegler

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